

In the Claims:

Please withdraw Claims 59-62, 65-68, 74-77 and 83-86 from present reconsideration, as shown in detail below. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or withdrawn claims in a continuing or future application.

1-56. (Canceled).

57. (Original) A system for maintaining security in a distributed computing environment, comprising:

a policy manager for managing a security policy; and  
an application guard for managing access to securable components including at least one application as specified by the security policy.

58. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 57 including a function within the application as specified by the security policy.

59. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 57 including a procedure within the application as specified by the security policy.

60. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 57 including a data structure within the application as specified by the security policy.

61. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 57 including a database object referenced by the application as specified by the security policy.

62. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 57 including a file system object referenced by the application as specified by the security policy.

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63. (Original) A method for maintaining security in a distributed computing environment, comprising:

- managing a security policy via a policy manager; and
- managing access via an application guard to securable components including at least one application as specified by the security policy.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 63 including a function within the application as specified by the security policy.

65. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 63 including a procedure within the application as specified by the security policy.

66. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 63 including a data structure within the application as specified by the security policy.

67. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 63 including a database object referenced by the application as specified by the security policy.

68. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 63 including a file system object referenced by the application as specified by the security policy.

69-71. (Canceled).

72. (Original) A method for maintaining security in a distributed computing environment, comprising the steps of:

- providing a policy manager to manage a security policy; and
- providing an application guard to manage access to securable components including at least one application as specified by the security policy.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 72 including a function within the application as specified by the security policy.

74. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 72 including a procedure within the application as specified by the security policy.

75. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 72 including a data structure within the application as specified by the security policy.

76. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 72 including a database object referenced by the application as specified by the security policy.

77. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 72 including a file system object referenced by the application as specified by the security policy.

78-80. (Canceled).

81. (Original) A computer readable storage medium having stored thereon a method for maintaining security in a distributed computing environment comprising the steps of:

managing a security policy via a policy manager; and

managing access via an application guard to securable components including at least one application as specified by the security policy.

82. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of Claim 81 including a function within the application as specified by the security policy.

83. (Withdrawn) The computer readable storage medium of Claim 81 including a procedure within the application as specified by the security policy.

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84. (Withdrawn) The computer readable storage medium of Claim 81 including a data structure within the application as specified by the security policy.

85. (Withdrawn) The computer readable storage medium of Claim 81 including a database object referenced by the application as specified by the security policy.

86. (Withdrawn) The computer readable storage medium of Claim 81 including a file system object referenced by the application as specified by the security policy.

87-89. (Canceled).

90. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, wherein the application guard further allows for additional customized code to process and evaluate authorization requests based on the additional customized code.

91. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 90, further comprising a global policy specifying access privileges of the user to securable components.

92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, wherein the application guard further allows for additional customized code to process and evaluate authorization requests based on the additional customized code.

93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, further comprising the step of providing a global policy specifying access privileges of the user to securable components.

94. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 81, wherein the application guard further allows for additional customized code to process and evaluate authorization requests based on the additional customized code.

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95. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 94, wherein the method further comprises the step of providing a global policy specifying access privileges of the user to securable components.